

CONSULATEGENERAL OFTHE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA

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Dear

Reference is made to your recent inquiry concerning the loss, theft, expired/about to expire or non-receipt of your Alien Registration Receipt Card ("green card").

To enable you to return to the United States as a resident without an alien registration card or expired alien registration card, it will be necessary to verify your U.S. permanent resident status. If you have any secondary evidence showing that you were admitted into the United States as, or adjusted status to, a permanent resident and have subsequently maintained resident status, this office may issue letters confirming that you are a lawfully admitted alien resident. These letters may then be presented to the airline and Department of Homeland Security Inspector in lieu of your alien registration card. The transportation letters will be valid for two weeks from the date of issue and only for one entry. You should personally apply for transportation letters 2 weeks prior to your return to the U.S. Issuance of transportation letters does not guarantee you entry into the United States. Permission to re-enter the U.S. as a legal permanent resident without your green card or with an expired green card, will be determined by the Department of Homeland Security Inspectors at your first port-of-entry.

If you have no suitable secondary evidence of your resident status, this office will need to send a cable to the U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services (USCIS) in Bangkok to verify your permanent resident status.

Please supply the following information necessary to verify your status in the U.S.

1. Alien registration card number:	
Social Security number:	
2. Full name (including maiden name and any aliases):	
Parents names:	
3. Date of birth:	
(MONTH/DAY/YEAR) Place of birth:	
4. <u>Date</u> and <u>place</u> of admission into the U.S.:	
5. Type of visa on which you entered the U.S:	
(Immigrant, or nonimmigrant - tourist, student, H-1, etc)	

6. When and where was this visa issued?
7. Name used at time of admission:
8. <u>Date</u> and <u>place</u> of adjustment of status from nonimmigrant to permanent resident, if applicable:
9. USCIS office holding your file:
10. Last address in the U.S.:
11. <u>Date</u> and <u>port of departure</u> from the U.S.:
12. Reason you require transportation letters – complete one of the following: IF CARD LOST: Where: IF CARD STOLEN: Where: When: PLEASE UNDERLINE: NON-RECEIPT OF CARD / DEPARTED USA WITHOUT CARD /EXPIRED CARD OR OTHER (EXPLAIN):
13. Present address and telephone number:
14. When do you hope to return to the United States?

Alternative secondary evidence of your permanent resident status (including USCIS stamps in your current and/or expired passports), correspondence from the USCIS etc., should be brought into the office at the time of your personal interview. To schedule an interview, please write or fax this office to request an appointment date (which will be scheduled for a Monday - Wednesday). Alternatively, you may personally lodge your application on any Thursday, (except U.S. and local holidays) between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 12.00 noon - no appointment necessary. You must be screened by the security guards before 11:45a.m. to gain access to the section.

Please bring with you the following:

- * your original current passport,
- * Transportation Letter fee in the form of a bank check or postal money order made payable to the U.S. Consulate, Sydney (click here for the current fee),
- * original airline travel tickets used at time of departure from the U.S.,
- * original boarding pass or other evidence showing complete date of last departure from U.S.,
- * one recent passport sized color photograph of yourself.

The processing fee is non-refundable regardless of whether or not the transportation letters are issued.

If secondary evidence is insufficient and cable confirmation is required, you will be notifed at the time of your interview. It is estimated that a minimum of ten working days, from the time the cable is sent, is generally required to receive a reply from USCIS Bangkok.

If you have any further inquiries concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to mail/fax the Immigrant Visa Unit, American Consulate General Sydney.

() Please also complete and return the attached Form I-90. LOSTARCQUESTIONNAIRE.doc (12/02/04)